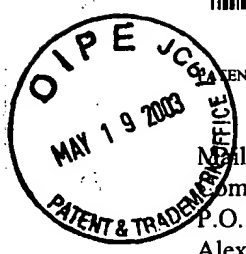


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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on March 26, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
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2. ☒ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:
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 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

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